Kelkar Committee Report

4091. DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the Kelkar Committee report:

(b) the details of the action taken on each of the recommendations;

(c) whether it is a fact that allegation of corruption from the producers were received against Kelkar Committee member and farmer Development Commission (PI) who personally processed the recommendations of the Committee and if so, what are the details thereof:

(d) when the allegation was received: and

(e) what action Government have taken since then and reasons for delay in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The salient features of Kelkar Committee Report were as follows:

(i) The list of drugs to be included in the Schedule-II of DPCO, 1987.

(ii) Exemption from price control to small scale units.

(iii) Exemption from price control for drugs produced by indigenous R&D.

(iv) Exemption to single ingredient formulations sold under generic name.

(b) By and large all the major recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee in its main as well as supplementary report had been accepted and implemented by making necessary provisions in or by issuing guidelines under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

(c) to (e) The allegations against the former Development Commissioner which were received during 1990 and 1991 are under examination.

Imbalanced use of fertilizers

4092. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether soil fertility and productivity are being adversely affected due to imbalanced use of fertilizers in our country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to augment the number of both static and mobile social testing laboratories to ensure balanced use of Fertilizers:

(c) the number of Soil Testing laboratories in our country during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94:

(d) the number of static and mobile Soil Testing laboratories at present in existence under Fertilizer Promotion and Agricultural Research Division (FP & ARD) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corpn.:

(e) whether the fund constraint has become a hindrance in proper utilisation of these soil testing laboratories of FP& ARD and the Soil Chemists are now being sent to areas other than soil testing; and

(f) whether management of FP&ARD has already dismantled or is contemplating to dismantle some of its laboratories;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) Although the fertilizer use is not fully balanced in the country, so far it has not reflected on soil fertility and productivity.

(b) For ensuring balanced use of fertilizers, the Central Government stresses upon State Governments to promtoe use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with manure, compost, green manuring and bio-fertilizers. Central Government also provides financial assistance for strengthening the existing soil testing laboratories in the States.